

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-32, 34, and 36-38, without prejudice or disclaimer, AMEND claims 33 and 35, and ADD new claims 39-44 in accordance with the following:

1-32. (CANCELLED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A reproducing and/or recording apparatus for use with a ~~reproduction-only~~ an optical information storage medium, comprising:

a reading unit which reproduces data from the ~~reproduction-only~~ optical information storage medium; and

a controller which:

controls the reading unit to reproduce data from a plurality of areas on the ~~reproduction-only~~ optical storage medium, and

controls the reading unit to reproduce data from at least one transition area located between ~~two adjacent areas~~ a first area and a second area,

wherein a first track pitch of the first area is different from a second track pitch of the second area.

34. (CANCELLED)

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A reproducing and/or recording apparatus for use with a ~~reproduction-only~~ an optical information storage medium, comprising:

a reading pick-up unit which reproduces and/or records data from and/or on the ~~reproduction-only~~ optical information storage medium; and

a controller which:

controls the ~~reading~~ reading pick-up unit to reproduce data from at least one of a burst cutting area (BCA), a lead-in area, a user data area, and a ~~lead-in~~ lead-out area of the

~~reproduction-only~~ optical storage medium, and

controls the ~~reading~~ pick-up unit to reproduce and/or record data from and/or on a transition area of the ~~reproduction-only~~ optical storage medium,

wherein at least one of the BCA, the lead-in area, the user data area, and the lead-out area is divided into ~~a plurality of sub-areas~~ a first area and a second area, and

wherein the transition area is located between ~~two adjacent sub-areas~~ the first area and the second area, and a first track pitch of the first area is different from a second track pitch of the second area.

36-38. (CANCELLED)

39. (NEW) An apparatus to reproduce and/or record data from an optical information storage medium including a plurality of areas, comprising:

a pick-up unit to reproduce and/or record data from and/or on the plurality of areas of the optical information storage medium; and

a controller to control the pick-up unit to reproduce and/or record data in the form of pit patterns from and/or on the plurality of areas including a first area, a second area, and a transition area positioned between the first and second areas in order to distinguish the first area from the second area,

wherein a first track pitch of the first area is different from a second track pitch of the second area.

40. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the controller controls the pick-up unit to read a first pit pattern from the first area, and a second pit pattern from the second area.

41. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the first and second pit patterns each include one of a straight single pattern, a straight random pattern, a straight specific pattern, a wobbling single pattern, a wobbling random pattern, a wobbling specific pattern, and no pit patterns.

42. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein amplitudes of the wobbling patterns gradually increase or decrease.

43. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the first area and the second area are not the same type and are one of a burst cutting area (BCA), the lead-in area, the user data area, and the lead-out area.

44. (NEW) A reproducing and/or recording apparatus for use with an optical information storage medium, comprising:

a recording unit that records data on the optical information storage medium comprising a plurality of areas; and

a controller which controls the recording unit to record data on the optical information storage medium,

wherein the optical information storage medium comprises a transition area located between a first area and a second area, and a first track pitch of the first area is different from a second track pitch of the second area.